



**Skiwi
Ski & Social
Club**
Summer 2014

Skiwi Website
www.skiwiskiclub.com

SKIWI General Meetings
"Always the third Thursday
of the month"
September 2014 - May 2015
we meet at Crash Landing in
Waren at 7pm
26620 Dequindre Rd
(Just off I-696)

Free admission!



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Skiwi Summer Ice Cream Socials

Summer 2014

Organized by

Luise D. & Carol W.

Have you marked the Skiwi Summer Ice Cream Social event on your calendar? Skiwis are meeting at various ice cream shops around town during the summer! Yum! 12 Skiwi's met up at Erma's for some delicious frozen custard. Erma's is a great way to cheat on that summer diet. The weather was great. Most recently we met at Ray's Ice Cream in Royal Oak. The banana splits at Ray's are big enough for 3!! Even though it was a rainy evening it was nice inside the ice cream shop and the ice cream was delicious!! For those who weren't there, your diet is still in safe hands.



Detroit Institute of Arts

On Sunday March 23rd several Skiwi's gathered at the DIA to absorb a little culture. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon (actually the first Sunday in a long time with no snow on the ground) and it was a great day to be at the DIA. We had a guided tour of several areas of the museum and learned lots about Diego Rivera, Picasso, Degas, van Gogh, Rodin, Gauguin, Bernini, Matisse and Monet. So much art, but so little time to see it all. There is so much more than art at the DIA: the museum also has concerts on Friday nights and a Sunday music bar. The Skiwi's will have to visit the DIA again soon to enjoy the other activities it has to offer. After the museum we all met up at TJ's (Traffic Jam for those who don't know what TJ's stands for). Good food, good drinks, good friends and good fun on a Sunday afternoon.



**From
The President
Bill Tory**

Hello Fellow Skiwis!

As I begin this year as your new president, I am pleased that most of last years board has returned. Already our social committee, headed by Luise D. with help from Carol W. have been busy planning trips like Vitamin "Z" Zoo day, Roller Derby day, visits to Erma's for ice cream and many others to come. John M., ski committee chairperson, aided by Debby R., have been busy planning our 2015 ski trips to Banff and Steamboat. All in all, it's shaping up to be another exciting year to be a Skiwi!

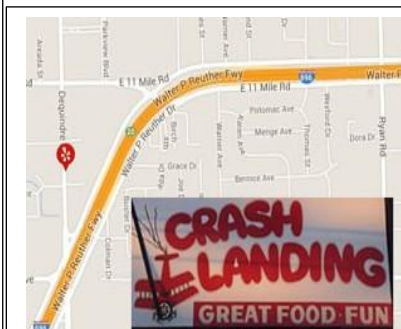
Be sure to mark the third Thursday of every month to join us at our General meetings. June, July and August meeting will be held outdoors at Civic Center Park in Madison Heights. Be sure to stop on the way in and say "Hi" to our hospitality Debby C.

All of us here on the board welcome your questions, concerns and ideas, so please get involved and help us make this year the best it can be.

See you soon!

Bill

**SKIWI General Meetings
New Location!**



26620 Dequindre Rd
(Just off I-696)

586-751-4444

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month

**We're moving back indoors
September 2014 thru May 2015!**

**Join us at our
[new meeting location Crash Landing in Warren!](#)**

**Crash Landing will have the following specials for
Skiwi Meetings:**

Fish & Chips \$7.95 (normally \$9.95)

Chicken Salad \$6.95 (normally \$8.95)

**Burger & Fries \$5.50 (normally \$6.50) cheese extra
Beer specials: 23 oz Bud Lite and Miller Lite for \$2.50.**

Domestic bucket of beer is 4 for \$8.

Imported bucket of beer is 4 for \$10

Upcoming Events



Sporting Clay Shotgun Shoot **Saturday October 4 at High Noon!**

Join the Skiwi's at the Detroit Sportsmans Congress
for an afternoon of Sporting Clays
RSVP to Alan Toomey a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net by September 28th



Weekend Trip to Mackinaw Island!

Trip is sold out! Get on the wait list or maybe we'll get more rooms!
Contact Carol Wacht at wacht@sbcglobal.net for info
Friday September 5 - Sunday September 7
Lodging at the Murray Inn
\$260 per person
Includes 2 Full Breakfasts & 1 Dinner (with All You Can Drink
Wine!) plus your ferry fare!

Trip Sign Ups will open at the September General Meeting!!

WE HAVE A NEW MEETING LOCATION: CRASH LANDING IN WARREN!

A Lottery will be used to assign your place in the sign up line.

Each person can sign themselves and a ROOMMATE up for a trip on opening night.
After opening night, if spots are still available you can sign up multiple people.

Skiwi Members present at meeting get first preference on trip sign ups
(you can join the night of)

Skiwi Members who mail in trip applications get second preference
MDSC Members get third preference

Non-Skiwi/Non-MDSC Members get fourth preference & other mail in are last

Banff - Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies!

\$1355* February 7-14, 2015*

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip non-stop air into Calgary (via Delta), and ground transfers
 - 7 nights lodging at Ptarmigan Inn on Mainstreet in Banff
 - Outdoor Hot Tub located on property
- 5 day interchangeable lift ticket for Lake Louise, Sunshine and Norquay
- Countless shops, restaurants and bars of are a very short walk to the center of town
 - Bus to all ski areas with pickup in front of the hotel
 - Trip goes on sale at the September 18th meeting

For Info, Contact:

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or Debby Roger: 248-312-0965 debbyskico@sbcglobal.net

*Non-MDSC Members add \$25 for Skiwi Membership

Steamboat Colorado in the US Rockies!

\$1399 March 7-14, 2015*

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip non-stop air into Denver (via Delta), and ground transfers
- 7 nights lodging at the Pheonix Condos - a very short walk to the main gondola
 - Outdoor Heated Pool and Hot Tubs located on property
 - 5 of 7 day lift ticket - including 1 night ski pass!
- Next to the shops, restaurants and bars of Steamboat Village
 - Town of Steamboat is a short, free bus ride away
 - Trip goes on sale at the September 18th meeting

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**Plans are in the works for other skiing events
check the Skiwi Website for updates!**

(plans include the Odawa "Drive Up" and a "Drive Up" instructional weekend at Schuss!)

Ale Trail 2014 – Road Trip!

Organized by

Rick K. & Luise D.

It's been a while since the club ran an Ale Trail, this time we did a "Road Trip" and it was quite fun! The original plan was to all meet somewhere for breakfast on Saturday, then caravan out to Grand Rapids but it turned out much easier to just all meet up at the Holiday Inn of Grand Rapids where we'd be staying that night. The hotel location worked out great, the entire "trail" was a couple mile loop starting at the Holiday Inn.



Our first stop was Founders Brewery to take the tour with tasting. If you ever go there and want a great tour, be sure to take this one! It starts out in the actual brewing area where you have to wear booties over your shoes, they are really into cleanliness! While in the brewing room amongst the giant vats our tour guide told the story of how the 'founding members' of Founders got the whole thing going. Basically they were home brewers who put all of what they had into purchasing an old warehouse and began a brewing and bottling operation. They were on the brink of bankruptcy and actually had the front doors chained shut on them, but thanks to a pair of bolt cutters and determination, they made their first batch of some awesome brew and were able to scrape it together and save the cause! With each batch brewed they put all money back into the brewery and continue to do so today. From here the tour continues into the bottle and canning area where you see all the beer getting ready to be packaged and shipped out. The tour ends in the tap room with tastings of all

the beers they regularly bottle along with “something special”, which in our case was the famous KBS – a K Bourbon Stout, but they can’t say Kentucky due to copyrights! The tour also includes a coupon for a free pint glass that actually gets filled too! We opted to come back later for that though.

From Founders the group continued on to the Hop Cat brewery. Hop Cat brews some of their own beer and offers brews from many other microbreweries too since they are a smaller operation. The group enjoyed appetizers as we choose either a pint or some samples. Next we made our way over to Grand Rapids Brewing Company. Here we further enjoyed samples and appetizers while we checked out the local color. Our last stop on the official ‘tour’ was the BOB Brewery, located in the “Big Old Building”! At the BOB we all ordered samples and snacked on popcorn. From here it was a short walk back to the Holiday Inn so we could freshen up before heading out for dinner.



Most of us went to Stella’s for some famous burgers. This place is really cool, there are a bunch of old video games, like Galactica, Pacman, etc. and they play old tv shows on the monitors! After dinner some of us went back to Founders to get out free pint, but there was a cover that night for some rap band style music so some of us paid and stayed, others went back to the hotel, but gave away their coupon for a pint! (thanks Dale P.!) After having our fill of beer for the day, we turned in for the night



On Sunday we walked back into the downtown area to find a place for breakfast and found there was a street art fair, so after breakfast we checked that out. For breakfast we went to the Sundance Café and enjoyed some great Southwest/Tex Mex style breakfast entrées, place was great and if you are ever in Grand Rapids it is worth the stop! After some cruising through the art fair some headed back toward the D and a few others stopped in at Brewery Vivant. Set into a refurbished former funeral chapel, the pub harkens back to an old world vision of monks in a monastery which is very fitting since they got their inspiration for beer from Southern Belgium. Tip from those that stopped was to make sure you try the ‘duck nachos’ which are a specialty there.

We all had a great weekend and look forward to another Ale Trail, hopefully in the not too distant future!

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO 2014

Organized by

Rick K. & Debby R.

Snow, snow and more snow! This trip started off with an “epic” January at Breckenridge with over 7 feet of snow received for the month, before we left! Back in Detroit we were all packed and ready to go, then the morning of the trip we got socked with some nasty weather. The roads were two-tracks that just looked wet, but actually they were slick and icy! There were multiple spin outs and jack knifed trucks along the way to the airport, but luckily all the Skiwi’s made it to the airport safely and on time. We arrived in Denver and were greeted with some balmy temperatures. The ride into Breck went well except for a traffic jam as we entered town, but soon after that we were all checked into our condo’s at Beaver Run and met down in one of the conference rooms for orientation where we got our lift tickets and had a few drinks.



Through the week we all enjoyed the 6 hot tubs and wonderful condos. Beaver Run provided a shuttle in and out of town, or you could walk in to most anywhere you wanted to be. We had 5 of 6 day lift tickets and some who did not opt for that 6th day took part in some of the other fun in the snow that week. There were snowmobiling excursions, snowshoe trips and even dog sledding trips! Some of the Skiwi’s thought it was a NASCAR dog trail where they took some spills off their dog sleds!

Everyone was excited to get out for the first day of skiing. It was a little confusing getting out the first day: take elevator to 2, take walkway to stairs, down one flight to the ski lockers out the door and 50 feet to the lift. Pretty sweet actually! After the first day it was a piece of cake! It was nice to have sunny skies the first day, there was plenty of snow coverage and plenty of photo ops, but Monday brought bitter cold and wind along with about 8” of snow overnight! Tuesday was another sunny day, but cold again. Wednesday started off cold and sunny again, but the snow started just after lunch and never stopped! Thursday was a great powder day with some places having waist deep drifts to plow through and it was still snowing! Friday was another powder day and it was probably good that it was our last day because a lot of people were getting a little tired by then!



It was a great week and with over 38" of snow between Thursday and Friday, it was an EPIC trip!

This was our week:

- **Jan 25** Saturday Arrival
- **Jan 26** Sunday Sunny with good coverage
- **Jan 27** Monday Bitter Cold and Snow
- **Jan 28** Tuesday Cold with 8" of new snow but sunny
- **Jan 29** Wednesday Sunny morning changed to snow and didn't stop!
- **Jan 30** Thursday Powder Day 1
- **Jan 31** Friday Powder Day 2
- **Feb 1** Saturday Home, always gotta go home!

Here is a Summary of Thoughts and Sights by those who attended:

- Mother Nature was full-bodied and Bountiful as She provided Sun, Wind, Snow, and Snow, and Snow, and more Snow. 40 something inches in total for the week!!!
- Loved the powder and tree skiing—best trip in years
- Crashing the dog sled with B on the front
- Tumbling down Mach 1—Fun!
- Phenomenal week with great people on/off the slopes
- Learned the art of making Bourbon @the Breck Distillery/great way to recover from a strenuous powder day
- Two hours of waist deep powder on Thursday made the trip a complete success!
- You must step out, go out, and be present to experience an “unexpected surprise” 30 inches of FRESH
- Loved being back West in the snow covered mountains testing my skiing ability and spending time with great people
- Gliding through the trees at the top of Peak 6---Unbelievable Fantasy Land
- R falling in the woods and needing help to get up
- First time skiing in powder---Loved It!
- We all looked like Yeti's Great snow sculptures
- Snowmobiling at 12,900 feet—WOW
- Peak 6----Feel the Burn—More Oxygen Please
- Great ski in/out condos next to Peak 10---super Hot Tubs
- Difficult to decide which view I liked better—the clear blue skies with peak after peak extending throughout the space, or the stillness of the snow falling amongst the pine trees. Either way, a magnificent sight, and not often seen by us flatlanders.
- The majesty and sheer size of the Mighty Rockies humbles the mere mortals once again



Skiwi Europe 2014

Organized by

John M. & Shelley S.

On March 7th 34 Skiwi's boarded a party bus bound for the Swiss Alps! This was indeed the trip that would include planes, trains, and autobahns! In Chicago we boarded our Swiss Air flight. We wined and dined our way across the ocean. We enjoyed first run movies, and napped. Just a short 9 hours later we were tipping our wings over Zurich and caught our first highly anticipated view of the snowcapped mountains and green valleys of the Alps.

Our destination was the town of Interlaken, which is nestled between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun. Our home away from home was the City Hotel Oberland. It is conveniently located in the center of town. There we were surrounded by breathtaking views of the Jungfrau Ski Region. Shopping (Swiss chocolate anyone?), restaurants (fondue), colorful parasail landings (in the park 2 blocks away) and train stations (to anywhere!).



At the welcome reception we learned about the area while consuming an abundance of appetizers and locally brewed craft beer and wine. The Eiger, Monch, and Jungfrau are the 3 Mountains that make up the Jungfrau ski region. It is a vast 214km winter sports play land with endless opportunities to ski, board, sled, or paraglide. For those not interested in the snow sports there were opportunities to hike or tour the Alpine Mountains. Cog rails to the "Top of Europe", trains, gondolas and trams to the Schilthorn. The Jungfrau area is spectacular!

At breakfast everyone dined in the same area of the restaurant so we would bring our trail maps, compare notes and make plans for the day. All of us chose to start the first day off together heading to the Grindelwald-First ski area. Half the fun was getting to where you planned to begin your adventure. We unexpectedly were entertained by our Yodeling Bus driver en route to Grindelwald. The Swiss really do yodel! That was our first encounter, but it would not be the last time a native would just spontaneously begin to yodel those joyful songs unique to the Alps! The following days, people were free to choose their desired route and destination. We could board the local bus right at our hotel or walk a block for an alternate connection to the train station and from there to cog trains, funiculars, lifts, gondolas and trams. This place is so vast and the scenery was jaw dropping all the way! The travel sounds exhausting, but it is an exhilarating way to start your day. When you arrive you are on the top of the Alps, ready to begin your decent.

Surprisingly we retained a pretty big group of ski buddies throughout the day. There are so many restaurants along the trails. Somehow we would end up at the same chalet for lunch and libations - catching up with those that we lost along the way, and even picking up a few that we never started with. The weather cooperated and we always sat outside soaking up the sunshine amongst the majestic mountain peaks. A "Blue Angel" like Swiss Military air show performed for us above the Eiger North Face that day. The sky was bright blue and the sun reflected off the Swiss red crosses that tattooed each of the jets. Another awe inspiring moment! It was a gift... from above!

Midweek we planned a side trip to the capital of Switzerland, Bern, for a little more sightseeing. The combination of bus and rail along picturesque Lake Thun got us there. Our first stop was Thun. We were greeted by what seemed to be a renaissance reenactment with costumed priest, royal guards, and maidens. The blue clad drummers added to the excitement with their noisy snares, the trumpets announced, and it culminated with the children releasing hundreds of red balloons into the sky. (I don't know... Maybe they knew it was John's birthday!) This took place in the courtyard of the Schloss Castle. A fairytale castle that now is housing a museum of Roman relics and shining armor. From there we wandered through a cobblestone maze that led to the riverfront for some window shopping! We couldn't linger long since we were moving on to Bern so we hopped on the train.



Bern, translates to "Bear", so we had to find the infamous Bear Pits once we got our Bearings (Ha!), and figured out the best route to hit all the major attractions along the way. The 15th century Clock tower, with its mechanical figures is the town's landmark. Shops and markets of all kinds line the wide cobblestone street. Einstein also resided here when he wrote his theory of relativity. We saw his face and crazy hair peeking out at us from his 2nd story window. We did eventually find the Baren Park at the end of the main street. Unfortunately there were only 2 bears in the park and they were not in the mood to entertain us. However, Just above it was a must see and taste -the Ultes Tram Depot & Brewery. The beer was cold and delicious! We enjoyed it sitting outside on the deck overlooking the Aare River and town. The shops were now open for business as we began our stroll back to the train station. Brian and Lynn found a rare treasure of art in an antique store for their wall back home! Bern also has many amazing churches, gardens, parks (very well utilized by the locals) and a beautiful Parliament. Pick and choose - too much to see in one day. Back to our mountain village we went!

The Schilthorn's Piz Gloria was at the top of everyone's list, whether they were skiing or not! Linda H. and Debbie C. saw just as much off skis as we did - Just their mode of transportation varied a little. We spotted them sipping wine on many observation decks and balconies! The Bond movie, On Her Majesties Secret Service was filmed in this multi-story, in-the-round, mountain top structure. You can watch snippets from the movie in the restaurant's theater. In the James Bond interactive museum we could fly in a helicopter,

dodge bullets on Bobsleds, and see many behind the scenes displays! We then headed up stairs to the revolving restaurant where you get a 360 degree heavenly view of Swiss Alps. The menu included signature branded 007 burgers and Cappuccinos. James was there as well ready for picture opportunities with the Bond girls and enemy Spies alike. It was getting late, and we were at the top of the world, so we stepped back into our bindings and took the only way back ... a steep, narrow, fast downhill run! EEEE HAAA!!!

Another area we skied, Maennlichen (pronounced Man lickin'), is situated in the middle mountain area south of the Klein Scheidegg. Here, as in many areas you can also sledge (sled). Judi and Pat were the first to try it out. Banked downhill sledding runs that many times cross the ski trails. Watch out! Funny, we never saw any accidents! We crossed this area several times to get from one side of the mountain into the next valley. It was very challenging by the end of day because it was so warm. Mash potato moguls formed that slowed our decent! But you ended the day in Grindewald, a cute little Alpine village where you could pick up your mountain pins, patches and yodeling marmots before you caught the bus or train to Interlaken. The trip home was faster, unless you timed the transfer to the train wrong! We learned the ropes and came up with a plan after missing it the first day. We must have looked pretty hilarious grabbing our equipment off the train and racing as fast as we could in our ski boots.... We didn't want to miss dinner!

Choices, choices! We could choose between the Swiss Chalet and the Italian restaurant 4 of 6 nights. One evening was the folklore show in the Swiss chalet. We were entertained by a husband and wife in Swiss attire. He played an Alp horn and his wife played the accordion. A couple of Skiwi's were pretty good blowing on the Alp Horn...And I have pictures! The Yodeling Bus driver (of world renown champion fame) returned to entertain us in the Mercato Italian Ristorante our 2nd night. The food was good. The deserts were FABULOSO! Wine went well with it all.



The villages of Murren and Wengen are situated on cliffs that overlook deep valleys below. There are no motorized vehicles here and the only way to access them is by trains, trams, funiculars, or by skiing into them. Spend a little time shopping, sipping a drink, and people watching. The rich and famous come here to escape....funny, no one recognized us!?! At Wengen, all skiers could experience what it is like to ski the World Cup Lauderhorn run, top to bottom! Your high speed journey (if you choose) starts at the real gate house, with photo start and timing! Chip, our Skiwi downhill racer, has this one well documented! In the Swiss Alps there were several places that you could "swipe" your lift ticket (for free) and view your skiing expertise on line later!

We had heard about a Blues band that was playing at a local bar just down the street. No cover, beer specials...John put the word out and a large group of Skiwi's trickled in the doors to listen, dance and be entertained by this fabulous group from Italy. The lead singer had a variety of at least 20 harmonicas that he used to serenade us (especially Debbie U.) from tabletops and chairs.

For our last night in Interlaken and Mary W's birthday, she wanted to go night sledding. She arranged the whole thing for our group and got her wish and then some! We were picked up by mini buses at our hotel

and taken to Isenfluh. We had a perfect, clear, full moon night! From there we took a small cable car (that holds 8 people or 1 cow) to Sulwald, the mountain cliff above Isenfluh. The guide instructed us on the proper way to sledge and warned to stay away from the edges of the forest trail or any dark areas. We would be passing a waterfall on our way down from Sulwald - couldn't see it but we heard it! It was great to be a child again laughing and screaming flying down the trail in the dark! There were unexpected stops, as someone was always putting on the brakes in front of you (dark areas, cliffs?) and causing a major pile up! Then there was ice and bare spots at the very bottom of the trail that launched a couple of us off into a snow bank. An inviting cabin in the woods awaited us. We were greeted with a glass of wine, Fondue, salad, and a hot bowl of Rosti. We all agreed the evening was over too fast.



After 6 magnificent bluebird days of winter frolicking in the Swiss Alps we boarded the bus back to Zurich to catch our flight to Budapest Hungary (and 2 more Swiss Air chocolate candy bars). We were able to check our luggage at the airport and then take the train into Zurich to wander around during our layover. Many of us enjoyed a (self-guided) walking tour of the Old Town district. We saw many ancient Churches, Cathedrals, and the Opera House (Just missed Sound of Music). Around every bend was a unique plaza with fountains and flowers galore...We stopped along the Lake Zurich water front and enjoyed the view from there. The open air markets were so inviting. The spring flowers and bakery goods drew us closer. Who could resist the apple and berry pastries? I wasn't alone! The next stop had to be an outdoor café for a hot Cappuccino... mission accomplished! The gals picked one with sheepskin blankets on the chairs that added an extra touch of coziness. We were people watching now, and the streets were crowded! Privately, Bill T. and Linda P. became engaged in a romantic setting overlooking the River Aare! Without the bride-to-be saying a word, her beautiful diamond was immediately noticed, announcing their plans to marry! Our time passed quickly. We strolled back to the train station and boarded the train that delivered us to the airport. We were about to begin our last adventure...The city of Budapest, Hungary.

We arrived at dusk. After checking into the Hotel Astoria we were free to begin exploring the neighborhood...in the dark! Hungry in Hungary, we wandered down the street and around the block to find a late night snack. Dining out in Budapest is an experience for your taste buds! The food is rich and the portions humongous! The restaurants have very reasonable prices. Dinner for 2 and drinks ~3000 Hungarian Forents – sounds expensive.....about \$12!!



We gathered in the Astoria dining room for breakfast the next morning. Individually we divided and concord the city. People had read about the cities of Buda, and Pest on opposite sides of the Danube River. Where to start? Some chose to take the Blue or Red bus guided tours. Many did their own exploration, having planned out exactly what they wanted to see. We jumped on the subway and began our day in Buda. The stairs, turrets and terraces of the Fisherman's Bastion overlook the Danube River and Pest. From this vantage point you see the many historic bridges that connect the cities. The Liberty, Chain, and Elizabeth bridges were the 3 landmarks that we traversed the most. Gellert hill is a park and observation point. The Citadel (a fort) was erected here. The monuments commemorate the liberation of Hungary from Nazi rule. This plaza commands spectacular views of the Buda Mountains, Danube River, Buda Castle and Pest.



Budapest is known for its world famous thermal spring spas. There are several spas throughout the cities, the 2 most elegant being the Szechenyi Bath and Gellert Bath. Our visit would not be complete without a dip in the mineral waters. The Szechenyi is the largest complex in Europe. It has numerous outdoor pools, Roman pool halls, 15 indoor spas, cavernous saunas, and chess players immersed to the neck in steaming thermal water. A palace fit for royalty! Massage anyone? Some of the group relaxed a couple of hours here, others the entire day.



Evening dinner cruises on the Danube River were at the top of the must do list. We enjoyed a variety of authentic Hungarian dishes, sipped wine and were serenaded by a string trio the entire time we cruised. The night panorama was so beautiful. Seeing the illuminated Parliament, palaces, churches, and bridges and their reflections on the water made Budapest appear even more spectacular! Our cruise ended early enough in the evening on St Patrick's Day that a few of us decided to find an Irish Pub. The doors of Irish Cat Pub were flanked by girls wearing orange and green face paint, offering complimentary festive shots. It was crowded and hot in this basement bar but the locals were friendly and tons of fun! We stayed up until the "wee hours of the morning" celebrating. After midnight now, it became our day of departure. We were instructed to have our baggage in the Hotel lobby by 5:30, ready to load the bus. Wake up calls were sent out by the front desk....good thing or we would still be in Budapest. Our vacation was abruptly ending! The 11 days suddenly seemed to vaporize!

What a wonderful trip John engineered for our group! Switzerland was as fanciful as a childhood dream! We experienced so many "take your breath away moments" in the Alps. Hungary is a relatively new destination (since the end of communist rule) that people can now choose to explore. Budapest has a

fascinating history and has been through so many reconstructions since the war. The people are proud and free. The statues, bridges and places of worship attest to this new freedom of choice. She is unique and beautiful!

Every 2 years an overseas ski trip is planned. The ski director's wheels are already turning! Stand by....you will be amazed!

--- Shelley Scarlett.



Skiwi Ice Cream Socials

Summer 2014

I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream For Ice Cream!!!



LAST ICE CREAM SOCIAL OF THE SEASON

Sunday August 24th @ Erma's

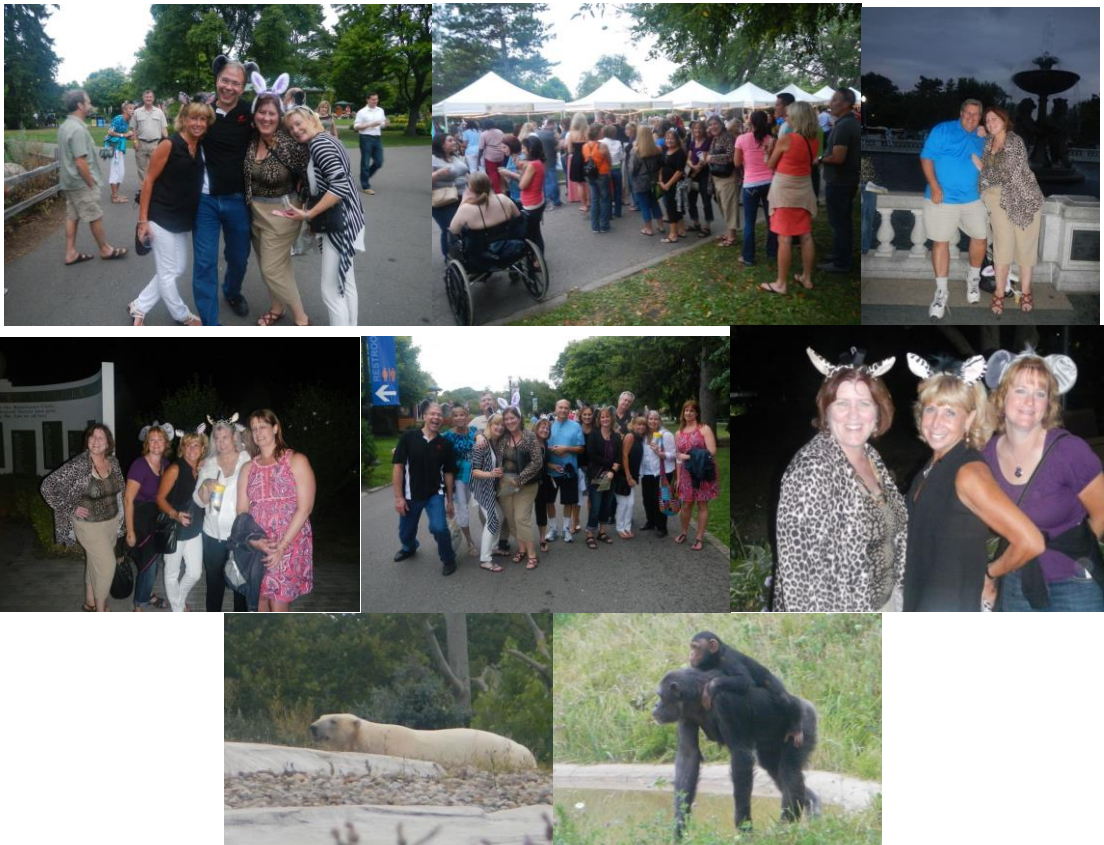


Derby Girls

Sixteen Skiwi's gathered Saturday April 12th at the Masonic Temple to watch some fun-loving pushing, shoving and scoring. Oh what fun Skiwi's had at the Derby Girls watching the Detroit Pistoff's versus the Devil's Night Dames. Sorry, can't remember who won, as I was one of the Skiwi's that still can't figure out the scoring system. Scoring and penalties hmm . . . I think there was a competition between Skiwi's trying to figure out the penalties, how the scoring was done, and who did the scoring (I think it was the Lead Jammer). I think the blockers had the best job--ramming opposing team members. When the rough housing was done and we had our laughs, we headed over to the Motor City Casino for some gambling **NOT** we went to eat. Plenty of good food and laughs were had by all.

Detroit Zoo

It's all happening at the zoo (Anybody remember the Simon & Garfunkel song "It's all happening at the zoo"?). Somethin' tells me, It's all happening at the zoo, I do believe it, I do believe it's true. The Skiwi's were definitely happening at the zoo. It was a beautiful sunny day and we started out at the gift shop to buy our animal headbands (we wanted to fit in with all of the residents of the zoo). We even had a birthday princess giraffe Diane R. The other giraffe's were jealous of Diane's tiara. The animals were so much fun to watch even when Beth K tried to lift a baby elephant, the elephant didn't seem to want to move. The animals were having so much fun playing and frolicking about. The bears kept Jennifer D warm and cozy. We even got a hug from a polar bear. Some of us had fun with the animals from down under--kangaroos and wallabies. Even the peacocks were answering the call for Allen T. Can't wait to visit the zoo again real soon.



Tavern Nights

This past summer the Skiwis have enjoyed Tavern Nights at locations that included Miguel's Cantina, Tavern On The Main and The Engine House. Thanks to our "Guest Hosts" this monthly event has continued to be a great success. There are often 25+ Skiwis in attendance.

WE NEED A TAVERN NIGHT HOST!!!

Do you enjoy checking out some of the Detroit area's best watering holes? Are you a friendly sort of person? Would you like to "host" some or all of the Tavern Nights for **2014**? The club is looking for someone to represent us at each Tavern Night. We have a sign/poster board for display and it is a pretty easy job that gives you great exposure to other member's in the club.

Some ideas that have been recently suggested are:

- 1) Change the night to Friday or ?
- 2) Move the time slot up to "happy hour"
- 3) Your ideas???? :)

Some locations that we visited in 2013 included:

- Joe Kool's in Troy
- Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia
- Great Barboo Brewing Company in Clinton Township
- 51 North Brewing Company in Lake Orion
- Orleans Billiards Cafe` in Mt. Clemens
- Tin Fish - St. Clair Shores
- Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren

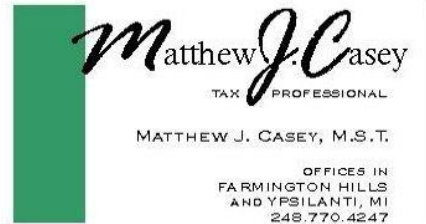

So if you would like to see the Tavern Nights continue and could host them, please contact Jim Elik!



Want to help fill the calendar?

Ever thought... why don't they do this event or run that trip?
Or would you like to help run an event? If so, please join us!
Fun people are needed to plan and run Skiwi social events.
All members are welcome.

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